

the Kumina, Myal and Pocomania cults led to the development of the worksongs, then to the Mento, then the Ska, the Rock Steady and finally the internationally acclaimed Reggae music.

Each of these musical genres has produced its pantheon of superstars. The worksongs produced the acclaimed lyricist, Harry Belafonte, the Mento produced the legendary Lord Flea and Lord Fly, the Ska produced the Skatalites, Rock Steady produced artistes such as Hopeton Lewis and Delroy Wilson, and Reggae produced Jimmy Cliff, Peter Tosh, Dennis Brown, and the incomparable Robert Nesta Marley.

This nation has produced more sports heroes than any other nation, with the exception of the U.S. It has produced superstars in the fields of cricket, soccer, netball, hockey, boxing, and athletics. It has created history in such nontraditional sports as bobsled, chess, and baseball. It has contributed to the American past time by producing such superstars as Patrick Ewing of the Knicks, Devon White formerly of the Blue Jays, and Chili Davis of the Yankees.

Mr. Speaker, never in the long history of human achievement has a nation of such modest size, population, and resources produced so many talented individuals in virtually every field of human endeavor—in the struggle against oppression, in the struggle for social justice, in the task of creating an Afrocentric identity, and in the fields of music, drama, and sports.

I wish to conclude by paraphrasing a tribute, which William Shakespeare once paid to another island nation:

This royal throne of Kings, this scepter'd isle,  
This Earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,  
This other Eden, demi-paradise,  
This happy breed of men, this little world,  
This precious stone set in a silver sea,  
This blessed plot, this Earth, this realm,  
This Jamaica.

JANICE USSERY

### HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 4, 1999*

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention the outstanding work of Janice Ussery. She was recently recognized for her community service to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Janice Ussery volunteers with the Meals on Wheels Association in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which is in the First Congressional District of New Mexico. Recently, the Meals on Wheels Association of America named her their Volunteer of the Year. Janice started volunteering with Meals on Wheels in 1981 as a driver delivering hot meals to clients.

Her campaign for providing quality meals played a major part in the Albuquerque Meals on Wheels obtaining a kitchen of their own. Through her involvement the quality of home cooked meals delivered to the needy improved. The improvements came, not only from the product, but through creating a friendly working environment for staff and volunteers.

Janice Ussery not only brings meals to the needy, she also brings pride to our commu-

nity. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ms. Ussery for her hard work and dedication and ask that we recognize her.

### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL WALTER J. CUNNINGHAM OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

### HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 4, 1999*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Col. Walter J. Cunningham of Huntsville, Alabama, on the occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Col. Cunningham has dedicated thirty years of outstanding service to the U.S. Army and this Nation. In his thirty year career, he has held every position available to an engineer office, excelling at each assignment. The numerous awards, distinctions and decorations he has garnered mark his career as among the finest of our Nation's leaders and patriots.

Among his impressive range of accomplishments are the positions of platoon leader in Alaska, project engineer for construction of Ramon Air Base in Israel and Battalion Operations Officer in Louisiana. Recognition by the U.S. House of Representatives is a fitting tribute to one who has provided so much time, so much labor and so much strong leadership towards the defense of our nation.

Col. Cunningham is praised by his colleagues for his innovative and effective management saving taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in military construction projects with the Department of Defense.

I congratulate Col. Cunningham and his wife Phyllis on his richly deserved retirement and I wish him the best in his future years.

As an army veteran, I am proud to have this opportunity to recognize his tremendous service and accomplishments as well as thank him for his extraordinary contributions to Alabama and the defense of the United States.

### TRIBUTE TO EDWARD M. WOLIN, M.D.

### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 4, 1999*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Edward M. Wolin, recipient of the Ahavas Chesed Award, which recognizes individuals for their compassion and dedication to humanity. Dr. Wolin is a clinical oncologist, who has dedicated numerous years toward the prevention and treatment of cancer.

President Kennedy once said, "for those to whom much is given, much is required." Dr. Wolin has been blessed with a brilliant mind and a caring heart, and he has used these assets toward improving the quality of life for so many, not just nationally, but globally.

The prevention and treatment of cancer is one of the most prominent and necessary fields of modern medicine. This year, over 1,400,000 United States citizens are expected to be diagnosed with cancer to curing the

most common and lethal cancers, working diligently to curb their degenerative effects.

Dr. Wolin's wonderful practices began after attending Yale University School of Medicine. He subsequently taught on the Washington University School of Medicine staff, and became the Chief of Clinical Oncology Teaching and Research at the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis. In 1981, Dr. Wolin began practicing in southern California, and he later became the associate medical director at the Cedars-Sinai Comprehensive Cancer in Los Angeles, where he is currently engineering innovative efforts toward developing new methods in the prevention and treatment of cancer.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Edward M. Wolin. Helping to cure the world of cancer is an honorable deed that merits the utmost respect, for his selfless work is paving the way for a better tomorrow. Dr. Wolin's commitment sets an example for us all.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 4, 1999*

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for rollcall vote 364. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

### LOSING THE BATTLE FOR PEACE IN KOSOVO

### HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 4, 1999*

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, when the House of Representatives considered legislation to approve the use of American forces as part of the NATO coalition against Yugoslavia, many Members of Congress, including myself, cautioned that military strikes would do little to end this centuries-old conflict, and instead might only aggravate tensions.

Mr. Speaker, it has been several weeks since Slobodan Milosevic agreed to withdraw his forces from Kosovo and daily NATO bombings of Yugoslavia ceased. While some were quick to proclaim victory and openly declare that this President's "legacy" had finally been secured, it is now becoming plainly apparent that the bloodshed never really ended.

Milosevic's Serbian forces committed reprehensible human acts not seen in Europe since Hitler's Germany. Actively working to thwart his maniacal and murderous scheme was a noble defense of all humanity. I am proud of our men and women in uniform who acted with courage and patriotism while serving the interests of peace in trying to stop the rapes, killings and ethnic cleansing. Peacekeeping should be an "ethnically blind" operation.

Despite the best of intentions, the cycle of violence in this region of the world continues. Kosovo is still a warzone, and the prospect for peace is no better today than it was when NATO airstrikes began. I remain convinced that this Administration's policies have failed